

IN THE ABSTRACT (clean version):

Please amend the Abstract on page 27 by replacing the original Abstract with the following new Abstract:

1 A navigation system includes an automatic speech recognition program that
2 matches spoken words that describe geographic features to entries in a word list that
3 contains a limited number of entries. To increase the likelihood that a spoken word is
4 included among the limited number of entries contained in the word list, the word list is
5 built to include entries that correspond to the named geographic features closest to a
6 current position of a vehicle in which the navigation system is installed. As the vehicle
7 travels through a geographic area, the word list is rebuilt to include entries that
8 correspond to the named geographic features closest to the new current vehicle position.

IN THE SPECIFICATION (clean versions):

1. Please delete the paragraph starting on page 10, line 28 and continuing through page 11, line 8 and replace it with the following revised paragraph.

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1 At Step 416, if the distance, D , from the current vehicle position to the position
2 410 associated with the active word list exceeds the threshold, T , the threshold monitor
3 routine 302 calls the word list re-builder routine 304 (Step 418). When the re-builder
4 routine 304 is called by the threshold monitor routine 302, it rebuilds the active word list
5 262. To perform this process, the re-builder routine 304 obtains the data 402 indicating
6 the current vehicle position. These data 402 indicating the current vehicle position may
7 be obtained from the vehicle positioning application 256, the positioning system 124, or
8 the threshold monitor routine 302. When rebuilding the active word list 262, the re-
9 builder routine 304 obtains from the geographic database 141 the name pronunciation
10 data associated with named represented geographic features. The named represented
11 geographic features for which name pronunciation data are obtained may include streets,
12 places, and points of interest.

2. Please delete the paragraph starting on page 15, line 4 and continuing through page 15, line 7 and replace it with the following revised paragraph.

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1 When the re-builder routine builds the new active word list 262, it may store some
2 or all of the new active word list in a non-volatile, rewritable memory in the navigation
3 system. Alternatively, when the re-builder routine builds the new active word list, it may
4 maintain some or all of the new active word list in RAM.

3. Please delete the paragraph starting on page 15, line 8 and continuing through page 15, line 19 and replace it with the following revised paragraph.

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1 When the re-builder routine 304 rebuilds the active word list 262 by replacing the
2 replaceable entries 460 with new name pronunciation data corresponding to the *X* closest
3 named geographic features, the re-builder routine 304 also updates the data 410
4 indicating the location associated with the active word list. The data 410 may be the
5 position of the vehicle when the active word list was re-built. The re-builder routine 304
6 stores the data 410 indicating a location associated with the active word list 262 so that
7 the active word list can be rebuilt as necessary to include pronunciation data for those
8 named geographic features that are most closely located to the vehicle's position as the
9 vehicle travels in a geographic area. The data 410 may be stored with the active word list
10 262, either in the non-volatile, rewritable data storage or in RAM. The data 410
11 indicating the location associated with the build of the active word list 262 may be stored
12 with the active word list, e.g., as part a file header.

4. Please delete the paragraph starting on page 20, line 1 and continuing through page 20, line 19 and replace it with the following revised paragraph.

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1 In another alternative embodiment, instead of forming the active word list with
2 reserved entries and replaceable entries, all the entries can be replaceable. According to
3 this embodiment, included with the name data in the geographic database is an attribute

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4 field that is used to indicate the importance of the represented named geographic feature.
5 In one embodiment, the importance field can include a number from 0-7. Residential
6 street names and other local features, such as non-chain restaurants, are assigned an
7 importance rating of 0. Business streets are assigned an importance rating of 2. City
8 names, streets and points of interest that are important across a metropolitan area are
9 assigned a rating of 5. Streets and destinations that are important across a metropolitan
10 area are assigned a rating of 5. Streets and destinations that are important nationally are
11 assigned a rating of 7. Figure 8 is an example of the components in an alternative
12 embodiment of the geographic database 141 that includes an importance attribute
13 associated with named geographic features. The importance attribute is included in a
14 spatial and importance name index 710 included in an embodiment of the geographic
15 database 141. According to this embodiment, when the re-build routine is called to re-
16 build the active word list, all the entries are replaced. When determining which entries to
17 include when re-building the active word list, the re-builder routine uses a plurality of
18 factors that combines the distance of the named geographic feature from the current
19 position of the vehicle and the importance of the named geographic feature. With this
20 embodiment, by proper scaling of the factors, a geographic feature having an importance
21 rating of 7 will always be included in the active word list.

IN THE CLAIMS (clean versions):

Please amend Claims 8, 12, 16, 19 and 20, as indicated.

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1 8. (Amended) The method of Claim 7 wherein the predetermined
2 collection of geographic features that is selected without regard to proximity to the
3 current position of the vehicle includes popular or important destinations.

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1 12. (Amended) A system that provides geographic information and that is
2 formed of component systems comprising:
3 a positioning system that determines a current location of a vehicle;